--- "Series of 1868"- "Hamilton" Division - lithographed in BLACK ink - 485 x 50 mm. ---

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay reports 763,046 *lithographed* copies of "Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. These must be Division Open strips, since Division Specific strips were not authorized by the Department until 1874.
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay reports 1,412,000 *lithographed* "Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. Some of these were for the Montreal and Toronto Divisions.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay reports 1,306,111 *lithographed* copies of "Long Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. He separately lists the delivery of 1,281,907 "Long Black, new, Cigars" from the Series of 1880.

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	3,481,157

The highest Division Open control number recorded to date is 1,751,681 (A 751,681) and thus there were approximately 3,481,157 - 1,751,681 = 1,729,476 Division Specific black 1868 cigars. From the control numbering, it appears that 300,000 were for the "Hamilton" Division (divided equally between *Patton* and *Fortier*).

The catalogue lists the Hamilton Division long black 1868 cigar strip as follows:

RG-61 - Hamilton, black, perf 9, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove paper, inscribed *Wm. Patton* with "***M ..... lbs.***" on the 7th line

RG-62 - Hamilton, black, perf 9, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove paper, inscribed *Wm. Patton* with "***M ..... lbs.***" on the 7th line, stamped **C. G. FORTIER**

RG-90 - Hamilton, black, perf 9, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove paper, inscribed *C. G. Fortier* with "***M ..... lbs.***" on the 7th line, without "**XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII**" at the sides

	ultimate control	estimated
Division Open -	1,751,681	1,800,000
Montreal Division -	840,752	900,000
Hamilton Division -	162,263	250,000
Toronto Division -	300,687	400,000
Windsor Division -	059,023	100,000
	3,114,406	3,450,000

***NOTE: no HAMILTON copies* are listed as printed in red ink**

--- RG-61 - "Series of 1868"- Hamilton Division - 1874-1879 ---

--- in BLACK on *unwatermarked* vertical mesh wove - perforated 9 - *without* imprints ---

--- inscribed "XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII" at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- "*M* .....*lbs.*" on the 7th line - *Wm. Patton* / **Collector I. R. ---**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RG-61** to illustrate. The first strip listed above comes from the collection of Fritz Angst. I am not sure where the second listing originated. It may have come from a sheet supplied at BNAPEX by Bill Walton.

08583 ○	10/77	RG-61	Hamilton Division, perf 9, on unwatermarked vertical mesh wove, dated *8 - 77* by Licensee # 3
41288		RG-61	Hamilton Division, perf 9, on unwatermarked vertical mesh wove, inscribed *Wm. Patton,* **Collector I.R.**

--- RG-62 - the preceding **RG-61** stamped **C.G. FORTIER** over *Wm. Patton* / **Collector I.R. ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *Wm. Patton* was the Port Collector at Hamilton from July 1st 1871, until he was succeeded by *C.G. Fortier* on July 1st 1879.

RG-62 - Cigars, black, Hamilton Division, perf 9, on vertical mesh *unwmkd* wove, control number **94975**, dated *2 - 80* in July 1880, used by Licensee # *6* - stamped **C.G. FORTIER** in red ink

75488	01/80	RG-62	Hamilton Division, perf 9, on *vertical* mesh *unwmkd* wove, used by Licensee # *13*, dated *13 - 80*, for *1/ 10* .*76* ***lbs.*** on a box of "Regatta" cigars - (from Sheldon Posen, Ottawa)
94339 ○	07/80	RG-62	Hamilton Division, perf 9, on vertical mesh *unwmkd* wove, used by Licensee # *6*, dated *1 - 80*, for *1/ 10* .*96* ***lbs.***
94975★	07/80	RG-62	Hamilton Division, perf 9, on *vertical* mesh *unwmkd* wove, used by Licensee # *6*, dated *2 - 80*, for *1/ 20* .*75* lbs.

I have recorded the above stamp, *oriented as shown*, as possessing a vertical mesh. This terminology will be used throughout these sections (i.e. with the Queen's head facing down on the left end - as in the above illustration).

Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 40, of December 2002

"Passage of the 1880 Statute affected the *large* tobacco stamps in significant ways. The first effect was the deletion of the reference on the stamps to the previous Statute "XXXI VICTORIA / CHAPTER VIII". On July 1st 1880, BABN was instructed by the Revenue Department to remove all reference to the old statute from the existing printing plates".

--- RG-90 - “Series of 1868”- Hamilton Division - 1880-1881 ---

--- on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - *perforated 9* - *without* imprints ---

--- *without* “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- “*M* ..... *lbs.*” on the 7th line - inscribed *C.G. Fortier* / Collector I.R. ---

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RG-90 - Cigars, black, Hamilton Division, perf 9, control **162263**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
***without* “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII”** at the sides, dated *11 - 81* in December 1881,
by Licensee # *3* for 50 cigars at *0.52* lbs., with *C.G. Fortier* as **Collector I.R.**

151825★	10/81	RG-90	Hamilton Division, perf 9, unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, used by Licensee # *2*, dated *8 - 81*, for 100 cigars at *1.35 lbs.*
162263 ★	12/81	RG-90	Hamilton Division, perf 9, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, used by Licensee # *3*, dated *11 - 81*, for 50 cigars at *52 lbs.*

★**RG-90n** - Cigars, black, Hamilton Division, perf 9, without control numbering,
on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove

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